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ROMANIAN DECREE ON CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK

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The following decree [number unavailable] has been issued in Bucharest by the Council of Ministers of the Rumanian People's Republic and the central Committee of the Rumanian Workers Party.

I. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY CONTRACTS

1. The Ministry of Food Industry will contract for the purchase of livestock from individual or collective farms, livestock cooperatives, agricultural cooperatives, or any other type of agricultural organization.
2. Producers who enter into such contracts with the state will benefit from reduced grain, meat, and milk delivery quotas. They will be paid in accordance with the weight and quality of the livestock which they deliver.
3. Producers contracting for periods of 1-3 years will receive the following additional benefits:
 - a. Low-interest loans will be granted by the Agricultural Bank (Banca Agricola) for the purchase of livestock and feed.
 - b. Building materials will be made available at official prices, for the maintenance and upkeep of barns.
 - c. Prices will be increased 5 percent for all livestock delivered in the second contract year, and 10 percent for all delivered in the third contract year.
 - d. Compulsory meat and grain delivery quotas will be reduced in proportion to the quantities of meat delivered under the terms of the contract.
 - e. Breeding and fattening stock may be obtained at official prices.
 - f. Free veterinary service may be obtained for stock under contract.
4. The following requirements will apply to all hog contracts:
 - a. Maximum advance payment to raisers will be 300 lei, and prices will be as follows:

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<u>Weight Group</u>	<u>Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)</u>	<u>Quality of Animal at Delivery</u>	<u>Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)</u>
1	120-140	Fattened Semifattened	8.8 7.8
2	141-160	Fattened Semifattened	9.5 8.5
3	161-180	Fattened Semifattened	11.0 10.0
4	181-200	Fattened Semifattened	11.5 10.5
5	over 200	Fattened Semifattened	12.0 11.0

b. Hogs delivered during the second quarter of the year will bring one leu per kilogram more than shown above.

c. The compulsory grain quota in any given year is reduced by 1.8 kilograms of corn or other grain for each kilogram of hog delivered within that year, when each hog weighs at least 120 kilograms.

d. In a given year, the following reductions will be made in the mandatory quotas of fresh meat, for each hog delivered in that year:

<u>Weight Group</u>	<u>Quota Reduction (in kg per head)</u>
1	24
2	28
3	32
4	36
5	40

5. Contracts may be made with communal flour mills or edible-oil centers for deliveries of hogs or poultry.

6. The following conditions are set for contracts for fattened cattle:

a. Prices and advance payments to cattle raisers will be as follows:

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Weight Group	Regiune Group	Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)	Quality of Animal at Delivery	Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)		Maximum Advance Payment (in lei per head)
				1st, 3d Quarter	2d, 4th Quarter	
1	I	400-500	Extra-fattened	5.4	6.3	300
			Fattened	4.4	5.3	300
			Semifattened	3.6	4.4	300
1	II	350-400	Extra-fattened	5.4	6.3	300
			Fattened	4.4	5.3	300
			Semifattened	3.6	4.4	300
2	I	501-600	Extra-fattened	6.0	7.0	400
			Fattened	5.0	6.0	400
			Semifattened	4.0	5.0	400
2	II	400-500	Extra-fattened	5.6	6.5	400
			Fattened	4.6	5.5	400
			Semifattened	3.8	4.6	400
3	I	over 600	Extra-fattened	7.0	8.0	500
			Fattened	6.0	7.0	500
			Semifattened	5.0	6.0	500
3	II	over 500	Extra-fattened	6.2	7.2	500
			Fattened	5.2	6.2	500
			Semifattened	4.3	5.3	500

b. The compulsory grain quota is reduced in any given year by 125 kilograms of corn or other grain for each fattened or semifattened animal delivered within that year.

c. Cattle raisers living in mountain villages may purchase 200 kilograms of corn at official prices for every head of cattle delivered.

d. In a given year, the following reductions will be made in the mandatory quotas of fresh meat, for each animal delivered in that year:

Weight Group	Quota Reduction (in kg per head)
1	30
2	35
3	45

e. Producers contracting to deliver draft animals will not have to transport wood or other items with such animals.

7. Raising and fattening contracts may be made with producers having young cattle weighing 100-200 kilograms each, under the following conditions:

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a. Prices and advance payments to raisers will be as follows [delivery to be made when weight of animal exceeds 200 kilograms]:

Weight Group	Regiune Group	Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)	Quality of Animal at Delivery	Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)		Maximum Advance Payment (in lei per head)
				1st, 3d Quarter	2d, 4th Quarter	
1	I	201-250	Extra-fattened	5.4	6.4	200
			Fattened	4.4	5.4	200
			Semifattened	4.0	5.0	200
1	II	181-200	Extra-fattened	5.4	6.4	200
			Fattened	4.4	5.4	200
			Semifattened	4.0	5.0	200
2	I	251-300	Extra-fattened	6.0	7.0	300
			Fattened	5.0	6.0	300
			Semifattened	4.5	5.5	300
2	II	201-250	Extra-fattened	6.0	7.0	300
			Fattened	5.0	6.0	300
			Semifattened	4.5	5.5	300
3	I	over 300	Extra-fattened	6.5	7.5	400
			Fattened	5.5	6.5	400
			Semifattened	5.0	6.0	400
3	II	over 250	Extra-fattened	6.5	7.5	400
			Fattened	5.5	6.5	400
			Semifattened	5.0	6.0	400

b. Producers living in mountain regions may buy 100 kilograms of corn at official prices for every animal delivered.

c. In a given year, the following reductions will be made in the mandatory quotas of fresh meat, for each animal delivered in that year:

Weight Group	Quota Reduction (in kg per head)
1	20
2	28
3	32

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8. The following conditions are set for contracts for calves weighing less than 100 kilograms [delivery to be made when weight of calf exceeds 150 kilograms]:

a. Prices and advance payments will be as follows:

<u>Weight Group</u>	<u>Regiune Group</u>	<u>Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)</u>	<u>Quality of Animal at Delivery</u>	<u>Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)</u>	<u>Maximum Advance Payment (in lei per head)</u>
1	I	180-200	Extra-fattened	7.5	300
			Fattened	6.5	300
			Semifattened	6.0	300
1	II	150-180	Extra-fattened	7.5	300
			Fattened	6.5	300
			Semifattened	6.0	300
2	I	201-300	Extra-fattened	8.0	400
			Fattened	7.0	400
			Semifattened	6.5	400
2	II	181-250	Extra-fattened	8.0	400
			Fattened	7.0	400
			Semifattened	6.5	400
3	I	over 300	Extra-fattened	8.5	500
			Fattened	7.5	500
			Semifattened	7.0	500
3	II	over 250	Extra-fattened	8.5	500
			Fattened	7.5	500
			Semifattened	7.0	500

b. Animals delivered during the second quarter of the year, and belonging to weight groups 2 and 3, will bring one leu per kilogram more than shown above.

c. In a given year, the following reductions for each animal delivered will be made in the mandatory quotas of milk: 150 liters, if producer contracts to deliver calves in weight groups 2 and 3; and 100 liters, if producer contracts to deliver calves in weight group 1.

d. Compulsory feed delivery quotas will be reduced as follows for each animal delivered, or the following amount will be sold to the producer at official prices if he does not produce feed himself:

<u>Weight Group 1</u>	<u>Weight Group 2</u>	<u>Weight Group 3</u>
100 kg	150 kg	200 kg

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e. Compulsory meat quotas will be reduced as follows for each animal delivered in the year of delivery to the state:

<u>Weight Group</u>	<u>Quota Reduction (in kg per head)</u>
1	35
2	40
3	50

9. The following conditions will apply to contracts for deliveries of sheep:

a. Prices and advance payments will be as follows (each sheep must have a 46-percent edible yield):

<u>Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)</u>	<u>Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)</u>	<u>Maximum Ad- vance Payment (in lei per head)</u>
35-40	5	45
over 40	6	45

b. In a given year, the following reductions will be made in the mandatory quotas of fresh meat, for each sheep delivered in that year: 2.5 kilograms of meat for every sheep weighing 35-40 kilograms; and 3 kilograms of meat for every sheep weighing over 40 kilograms.

10. Producers will receive the following prices and advance payments for deliveries of lambs:

<u>Liveweight at Delivery (in kg)</u>	<u>Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)</u>	<u>Maximum Ad- vance Payment (in lei per head)</u>
14-18	5.0	20
over 18	5.5	20

Compulsory yearly quotas of meat will be reduced by one kilogram, for every lamb delivered to the state within one year after signing the contract.

11. The following prices and advance payments will be paid for poultry:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Liveweight Price (in lei per kg)</u>	<u>Maximum Advance Pay- ment (in lei per head)</u>
Fat ducks	11.0	20
Fat turkey hens	11.5	20
Fat tom turkeys and geese	12.0	20

All poultry delivered to the state must be fattened.

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a. In a given year, producers may buy 1.3 kilograms of corn at official prices for every kilogram of poultry delivered to the state during that year.

b. In a given year, the following reductions will be made in the mandatory quotas of fresh meat, for each fowl delivered in that year: .6 kilograms of meat for every duck; and 1.3 kilograms for every goose, tom turkey, or hen turkey.

12. Contract conditions stipulated above will also apply to hens of good breed.

13. Prices and purchase conditions for livestock and poultry are fixed in Appendix I [not available for this report].

II. CONTRACTS FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

14. The Ministry of Food Industry will contract for the purchase of milk or milk products from individual farms, agricultural collectives, producer cooperatives, and any other type of agricultural association or cooperative.

15. The following prices will be paid for milk (maximum advance payment to be 50 percent of the value of milk contracted for):

<u>Period of Milk Delivery</u>	<u>Fat Content (in %)</u>	<u>Price (in lei per liter)</u>
1 May-31 Oct	3.5	1.2
1 Nov-30 Apr	3.5	1.45

Producers living in the vicinity of Bucharest or in the supply zone of the Muresul Dairy will be paid as follows (maximum advance payment to be 50 percent of the value of milk contracted for):

<u>Period of Milk Delivery</u>	<u>Fat Content (in %)</u>	<u>Price (in lei per liter)</u>
1 May-31 Oct	3.5	1.45
1 Nov-30 Apr	3.5	1.75

a. For every liter of milk delivered under contract, producers may purchase up to .6 kilograms of feed.

b. In communes where producers skim the milk themselves, individual producers may purchase .5 liters of skimmed milk at .25 lei per liter, for every liter of [whole?] milk delivered to the state.

c. Producers who have gestating cows may receive an advance of 100 kilograms of concentrated feed per gestating cow, during the eighth month of the animal's gestation, provided the producer obligates himself to deliver milk as per the terms of the contract as soon as the cow is ready to give milk.

d. Producers contracting to deliver milk to the state may receive low-interest loans from the Agricultural Bank to purchase milk cows.

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16. The Ministry of Food Industry will supply milk separators to all state farms and agricultural collectives.

17. The following conditions will apply to deliveries of ewe's milk or milk products:

a. Two lei will be paid per liter of ewe's milk, if the milk has a 6-percent fat content.

b. An advance payment of up to 30 percent of the value of ewe's milk or milk products contracted for will be paid.

c. Producers may purchase up to .6 kilograms of feed at official prices for every liter of milk delivered under contract.

d. The executive committee of each people's council will make available sufficient pasture land to producers contracting for ewe's milk deliveries.

18. Producers contracting to deliver ewe's milk products will benefit from the same prices and advantages as the producers contracting for deliveries of cow's milk.

19. Purchases of milk may be made as follows:

a. Producers selling cow's or buffalo's milk may purchase up to .5 kilograms of concentrated feed for each liter of milk delivered.

b. Individual producers may purchase skimmed milk, in quantities equivalent to up to 30 percent of the [whole?] milk delivered, at .25 lei per liter.

IV. CONTRACTS FOR WOOL

20. The Ministry of Light Industry is authorized to purchase wool, either on the basis of contract or through direct purchase.

21. Contracts will be made only for raw wool.

22. Prices paid for wool will be as follows:

<u>Type of Sheep</u>	<u>Price (in lei per kg)</u>
Merino wool	60
Spanca wool	50
Tsigay wool	44
Stegose wool	25
Turcana wool	20

Wool purchased from state farms or agricultural collectives will be bought at prices 10 percent higher.

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23. Producers contracting to deliver over 2.5 kilograms of Merino or Spanca wool per sheep are exempt from regular, compulsory wool and milk quotas for those breeds of sheep, respectively.

24. Producers contracting to deliver wool will benefit from the following advantages:

a. At the time of contract, they will receive an advance payment equal to 20 percent of the total value of the contract.

b. They may purchase, at state prices, the following quantities of corn for each kilogram of wool contracted: for one kilogram of Merino wool, 5 kilograms of corn; for one kilogram of Spanca wool, 3 kilograms of corn; and for one kilogram Tsigay wool, 3 kilograms of corn. Producers may purchase other types of feed instead of corn if they desire to do so.

c. Executive committees of people's councils will make available to producers sufficient pasture land for the sheep under contract.

25. Wool purchases will be made according to provisions in Appendix III [not available for this report; no reference to an Appendix II].

V. FINAL STIPULATIONS

26. Producers selling livestock, poultry, milk, dairy products, and wool under contract may purchase goods on the open market.

27. Producers selling livestock under contract may purchase, in addition to the above, the following quantities of shoe and sole leather:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Sole Leather (in kg)</u>	<u>Shoe Leather (in ft)</u>
For each head of cattle weighing less than 600 kilograms	1.0	3.5
For each head of cattle weighing more than 600 kilograms	1.5	3.5
For each calf	1.0	3.5

28. All agricultural collectives contracting to deliver livestock and poultry will be paid 10 percent more than the list prices, and livestock co-operatives, producer cooperatives, and individual members of collectives will be paid 5 percent more than the list prices for livestock or poultry delivered.

29. The Ministry of Food Industry will make contracts with livestock co-operatives for combined deliveries of meat, milk, and wool.

30. Producers contracting for deliveries of livestock, milk, and milk products may purchase waste and residues at official prices from sugar, alcohol, beer, starch, and milk-products factories.

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31. The Ministry of Food Industry may contract for livestock deliveries even with those producers who have failed to deliver their compulsory meat and livestock quotas to the state. The producer will be exempt from compulsory delivery of any meat or meat products to the state until he has fulfilled the terms of the contract, at which time the amount delivered under contract will be deducted from his compulsory delivery quota.

Animals covered in contracts may not be levied upon in settlement of any private debt of the producers.

32. Collectives delivering livestock and poultry under contract may purchase trucks through regular raion channels.

33. Veterinary and public health organs of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must vaccinate free of charge all livestock and poultry under contract.

34. The terms of the contract are enforceable by both the producer and the state. Any resulting court action will be tried according to provisions of Decree No 274/1954.

35. Contracts must provide for penalties to be incurred for each day of delay in delivery of livestock under contract.

36. Producers delivering animals below the category semifattened will be entitled only to the sales price, losing all right to reductions in their compulsory quotas of meat and grain.

37. Producers who were given reductions in their compulsory milk delivery quotas by virtue of their contracts to deliver calves, and who delivered animals below the minimum weight standard, will be obliged to deliver milk to the state in proportion to the loss of weight of the animal.

38. State enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry which, in the past, handled the purchase of animals will be abolished as of 15 January 1955. Their duties will be taken over by the Ministry of Food Industry.

39. ORACA [Oficiul Raional de Achizitii si Contractari de Animale, Raion Office for Livestock Procurement and Contracting] in the Ministry of Food Industry can contract for breeding animals upon approval of specialized units of the Ministry of Agriculture.

40. The Ministry of Food Industry with the aid of the Ministry of Domestic Trade will arrange for the sale and storage of various kinds of merchandise in every raion.

41. The Ministry of Food Industry with the aid of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will arrange periodic fairs for displaying livestock under contract. Leading producers will be awarded prizes and certificates.

42. Hamlets and villages considered to be in mountainous regions will be so designated by the State Committee for the Collection of Agricultural Produce.

43. Producers living in the Arad, Baia Mare, Hunedoara, Oradea, Stalin, and Timisoara regiunes, and in the Hungarian Autonomous Regiune, will receive bonuses of 500 lei worth of agricultural tools, for each animal weighing over 1,000 kilograms in the extra-fattened category.

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Producers living in other regions of the country will receive the same bonus for each animal weighing over 800 kilograms.

For every hog weighing over 250 kilograms, producers will receive 250 lei worth of agricultural tools.

44. Contracts negotiated before the date of this decree will be carried out under the terms of the present decree.

45. Yields per animal will be fixed in Appendix IV [not available for this report]. Regions will be divided into categories in Appendix V [not available for this report].

46. All previous regulations pertaining to contracts for livestock and animal products, included in decrees No 3,614/1953, No 1,846/1954, No 1,782/1954, and No 419/1954, are hereby annulled.

47. By 1 February 1955, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Ministry of Food Industry will issue instructions with reference to the procedure for obtaining state loans.

48. Prices of feed, animals, and milk will be announced by 1 February 1955.

49. Instructions for drafting contracts for livestock, poultry, and milk will be issued by 1 February 1955.

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